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SATURDAY EVE. APR. 20.

The plot of "Dorcas," the musical comedy in which the Josephine Stanton Opera Company will open their short season at the Opera House Thursday, April 25, is laid in England in the times of a hundred years ago. There is a pretty young girl traveling incognito in male attire as a novelty peddler. She, with her maid, also in male attire, arrive at a castle and are taken over by Lubin Mugby, who has just taken possession of a wife. The lord of the manor passes by and learns that his ward has married a charming creature, and he summons Mugby to his house with the strict injunction that he bring his young wife, whom he has not seen, with him. Mugby demurs and tells his troubles to the young peddler, and she consents to take his wife's place and go with him to Lord Lambourne's house. The Lord does not know of the deception and receives the peddler with a grand show of graciousness and affected esteem. The dolt of an inn-keeper fills up with good wine and watches the proceedings with a deal of amusement for the audience. Complications follow complications because the inn-keeper thinks the peddler, who is playing the part of his wife, is a man. So the complications arise when he believes that he devotes upon his wife, the ladies of the household just the kind of man a woman's clothes they are about to

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